

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-31

Introduced by: Mark Claus

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FUND NO. 202 – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Codified Ordinances of the City of Huron (“City”) has established rules and regulations on private property repair and maintenance;

WHEREAS, Section 521.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the City established a sidewalk repair program, in which the Building and Zoning Department shall cause the sidewalk to be repaired and the expenses and labor costs incurred in the making of the repair will be entered upon the tax duplicate as a lien upon such land pursuant to Section 521.06 of the Codified Ordinances;

WHEREAS, Section 557.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the City established nuisance conditions on lots or lands for noxious weeds, thistles, burlocks, jimson weeds, ragweeds, mildweeds, mulleims, poison ivy, poison oak, or other weeds of rank growth. When the City Manager causes undesirable vegetation to be cut and the land cleaned of debris as provided in Section 557.05, a statement of cost shall be mailed to the owner of such land as detailed in Section 557.06 of the Codified Ordinances. Should any cost go unpaid, the City shall place a lien on the property for the cost of the services;

WHEREAS, Chapter 905 of the Codified Ordinances established laws to inspect and maintain culverts, drains, and ditches. Section 905.08 of the Codified Ordinances allows the City to recover any expenses related to Chapter 905 from the property owner.

WHEREAS, Chapter 907 of the Codified Ordinances established the removal, replanting, replacement and pruning of trees and shrubs. Section 907.03 and 907.05 of the Codified Ordinances allows the City to assess such expenses paid by the City;

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended that Council establish a fund to accommodate the revenue and expenses associated with the applicable Codified Ordinances and which will allow the City to properly reconcile its financial operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That there is hereby established a “Property Maintenance Fund” to be numbered Fund No. 202. The sources of revenue deposited into this fund will derive from reimbursements from property owners through 1) special assessment levied on the property; or 2) direct reimbursement from the property owner. The funds will be used for expenses related to the repair and maintenance of private properties in accordance with City Ordinances. The funds will also be used to pay necessary expenses for the administration of these services, including but not limited to the cost of levying assessments with the County Auditor.

SECTION 2. That all ordinances or parts thereof in effect at the time of passage of this Ordinance that are in conflict with the foregoing provisions are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 3. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including R.C. 121.22.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and general welfare and for the further reasons that it is necessary to make immediate provision for the sound financial operation of the City; **wherefore**, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.



Sam Artino, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Clerk of Council

ADOPTED: 24 NOV 2020

